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Reyes Comments on President Bush's FISA Remarks in his State of the Union Address

Washington, D.C. – *Chairman Silvestre Reyes, D-TX, of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence released the following statement following President Bush's State of the Union address tonight:*

“There is no question that the ability to monitor communications is one of our intelligence community's most powerful tools as they do the hard work necessary to safeguard our nation,” said Chairman Reyes. “That is why the U.S. House passed the RESTORE Act, the Reyes-Conyers FISA legislation, on November 15. I urge President Bush to work with Congress in a bipartisan manner as the Senate completes their work on FISA legislation, and the House and Senate go to conference and craft a final bill. The issue of immunity for telecommunications companies will continue to play a prominent role in our discussions; however, I remind President Bush that he provided the House with access to documents pertaining to his warrantless wiretapping program only late last week.”